

REMARKS

The amendments above are based on Applicants' election of Group II comprising claims 5-7, 32, 35, 38, 49 and 52. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner accept this Restriction Requirement Election.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following is Applicants response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 24, 2006.

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In item 1 the Examiner states that the Sequence Listing filed April 6, 2006 was not approved by STIC for the reasons set forth in the attached Raw Sequence Listing Error Report. In compliance with the Rules for preparation of sequence listings Applicant now submits a substitute sequence listing and CD containing the sequence listing file in computer readable format .

In item 2 the Examiner states that the Preliminary Amendment to the specification and claims filed April 6, 2006 does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. In response to the Examiner's statement Applicant is submitting a new preliminary response in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

In item 3 the Examiner states that the preliminary amendment canceling certain claims, set forth at page 2 of the response to the Restriction Requirement does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. In response to the Examiner's statement Applicant is submitting a new response to the Restriction requirement in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

In item 4 the Examiner states that the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) filed 24 November 2003 was not entered. In response Applicant is once again claiming priority in his preliminary amendment from the parent application U.S. patent no. 6,800,728 filed 22 March 2001 and from provisional patent application serial no.: 60/191,186 filed 22 March 2000 in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

In view of the newly submitted, sequence listing, preliminary amendment and response to the restriction requirement Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner accept these documents and continue the prosecution of this application.

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